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Figures 12-14 lack description. Authorization for this description was given in a telephone interview with Vid Mohan-Ram on 2/28/06. See below for brief figure descriptions. Attached is an Examiners amendment to correct deficiencies to the figure description.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **In the Specification**

#### **Please amend the figure legends:**

Figure 12. Illustrates that the hyperexpression of MKK-1 in L-8057 cells grown in serum-free media inhibits cell growth of those cells as compared to control L-8057 cells.

Figure 13. Illustrates the stimulation of MKK-1 infected L-8057 cells and control L-8057 cells with rat stem cell factor and IL-3.

Figures 14A- 14D. Figures 14A-14D illustrates the effect of tetradecanoyl phorbol acetate ("TPA") on either control cells or cells that express MKK-1.

### **Contact Information**

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